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1. IN ADDITION TO WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED IN MOSCOW 2781 AND 2748, TIMERBAEV OFFERED ITEMS AS FOLLOWS.

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT CURRENT SOVIET VIEWS ON FORMAT TIMERBAEV SAID "MUCH THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION" IS BEING DEVOTED TO FORMAT. HE CONFIRMED THAT FORMAT ISSUE REALLY TURNS AROUND DESIRE OF SOVIET SIDE THAT SUBSTANCE OF WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THEIR "PROCEDURES" DOCUMENTS BE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT BY JCC ACTION ALONE. HE WAS TOLD AGIN THAT US SIDE DOES NOT AGREE WITH THIS APPROACH.

3. TIMERBAEV SAID THERE WAS SOME CHANCE THAT SOVIETS WOULD AGREE TO PROVIDE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP "IN SOME FORM" OUT TO TEN KILOMETERS, BUT NO FURTHER. HE ASKED HOW US WOULD PROPOSE TO SELECT SITES FOR SEISMOMETERS AS FAR OUT AS TWENTY KILOMETERS.

4. TIMERBAEV URGED TRYING TO FIND SOME ITEMS IN EQUIP-MENT LIST TO IDENTIFY AS THINGS SPECIFICALLY TO BE PROVIDED BY HOST PARTY, EVEN FIELD GLASSES. REASONS SEEMED TO BE TWO: (A) APPEARANCES, AND (B) "THINGS"
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5. TIMERBAEV TRIED OUT ANOTHER SET OF WORDS ON CANISTERS LONGER THAN 10 METERS WHICH WAS LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM EARLIER FORMULATIONS CONTEMPLATING ASSURED AGREEMENT ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. REFERRING TO MOROKHOV REMARKS LAST RESTRICTED MEETING (MOSCOW 2632), BUCHHEIM ASKED TIMERBAEV IF SOVIET SIDE NOW GOING TO WANT TO DEVELOP ANALOGOUS LANGUAGE CONCERNING GROUP EXPLOSIONS IN WHICH SPACING BETWEEN EXPLOSIVES LESS THAN 10W(1/3). TIMERBAEV SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT "THIS NEW IDEA" AND IT COULD BE DISCUSSED WITH NOBODY OTHER THAN MOROKHOV.

6. TIMERBAEV SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS "COULD BE WRAPPED UP IN A WEEK" AS SOON AS DETERMINATION MADE TO FINISH. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR FROM DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK THAT SOVIET SIDE HAS NOT YET MADE SUCH DETERMINATION. END COMMENT.
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